

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Kimberly D. Nguyen
WILLIAM A. LINTON, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2876
Application No.: 09/981,219	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5594
Filed: October 16, 2001	)	
	:	Allowed: July 27, 2006
For: RADIO FREQUENCY	)	
IDENTIFICATION METHOD AND	:	
SYSTEM OF DISTRIBUTING	)	
PRODUCTS	:	October 27, 2006

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated July 27, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before today, October 27, 2006, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the July 27, 2006 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that whereas the Reasons refer at page 3, lines 15 through 19, to the features of Claim 15 before the June 9, 2005 Preliminary Amendment (e.g., "receiving a message containing", "downloading the most recent software version if versions differ when compared", etc.), Claim 15 instead recites the features presented on June 9, 2005

(e.g., --sending a message querying--, --downloading software having the most recent software version number...--, etc.). Furthermore, whereas the Reasons refer to features of Claim 15, independent Claims 26 and 97 are different in a number of aspects from Claim 15 and are believed to be allowable in their own right (for example, they do not recite the term "authentic" present in Claim 15, among other differences).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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